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Congress of the United States to appropriate the sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in acquiring suitable areas in the lower White River Basin of Arkansas as a migratory bird sanctuary.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas a plan has been formulated for co-operation between the United States and Canada in protecting and developing Superior National Forest and Quetico Provincial Park and similar public areas forming the boundary between Minnesota and Ontario; and

Whereas the plan will result in what will virtually be an international lakeland forest and park—the first of its kind in the world and four times larger than Yellowstone—with incalculable benefits, both economic and cultural to the people of both nations; and

Whereas an international organization of the highest sponsorship, known as the Quetico-Superior Council, has been set up for the purpose of co-ordinating the efforts of all individuals and societies interested in the plan of securing a treaty between the United States and Canada; and

Whereas it appears that the proposed treaty would not only preserve intact one of the most historic regions of North America, a portion of the continent as it originally was with its forests, its game, its lakes, and its richly romantic past, but would provide a significant experiment in international relations—a practical work of peace and a new bond of friendship between two great nations: Therefore be it

**Resolved**, That on this 13th day of September, 1929, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses the plan of the Quetico-Superior Council and pledges its unqualified support thereto, and in order that the existing natural water levels in the area described may be held inviolate and regulated in the public interest.

That the recreational values, and the wild-life resources and the forest production may be safeguarded and protected from exploitation.

**Be it further resolved**, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses and urges the passage by Congress of the pending measure known as the Shipstead-Newton Bill.

#### RESOLUTION

**Be it resolved**, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Minneapolis, Minnesota, approves the report of the National Committee on Wild-Life Legislation presented by Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson.

**Be it further resolved**, That this Association extends its congratulations to the National Committee and endorses all things done and therein reported; and

**Be it further resolved**, That it is the sense of this Association that the splendid accomplishment of the National Committee is the successful conclusion of a long and well-spent effort, and it will be pleasing to this Association if the National Committee will continue its useful efforts toward the acquiring of additional legislation tending toward the further protection of migratory birds.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas the black bass is recognized as one of America's most desirable game fish; and

Whereas a Federal act known as the Hawes Black Bass Law was passed by Congress in 1926 in an effort to stop interstate traffic in these fish; and

Whereas the present law provides no machinery for the enforcement of this act, with the result that many tons of these game fish find their way to the markets in various states: Therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled this 13th day of September, 1929, strongly urges the early enactment of the Hawes Bill, providing for adequate funds and an agency for the enforcement of the Act of 1926, which is now pending before Congress, in order that the Hawes Act may be made more effective.

**Be it further resolved,** That we urge all states to enact laws prohibiting the taking for sale of black bass except for propagating purposes regardless of where taken.

### RESOLUTION

Grateful acknowledgement is made for courtesies extended, which have contributed to the success of this meeting of the International Association and the comfort and pleasure of its members, to the following organizations and individuals:

To His Honor the Mayor of Minneapolis, Hon. Wm. F. Kunze;

To the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association;

To the State Game and Fish Commissioner, Mr. George W. McCullough;

To the Minneapolis Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America;

To the Minneapolis Outers Club;

To the Hennepin County Sportsmen's Club,

and to individuals who have participated in the arrangements and management of the entertainment of this Convention.

We appreciate the many courtesies extended by the management of the Nicollet Hotel in the entertainment of our members and the excellent provisions for the sessions of the Convention. The courtesies extended by Dr. William J. Mayo of Rochester, Minnesota, the United States Bureau of Fisheries and the United States Bureau of Biological Survey in providing for the excursion to the Upper Mississippi Wild Life and Fish Refuge are acknowledged with appreciation.

The Convention has been especially honored by the presence and encouragement of Gov. Theodore Christianson of Minnesota, and congratulates the conservationists of Minnesota on his enlightened and progressive leadership.

**President Madsen:** You have heard the report, gentlemen. What is your pleasure?

**Mr. Quinn:** I move the adoption of the report of the Resolutions Committee.

**Mr. LeCompte:** I will second the motion for adoption of the Resolutions Committee's report.

**President Madsen:** Is there any further discussion? It has been regularly moved and seconded that the report of the Resolutions Committee be adopted.

The motion was carried unanimously.